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4. To secure, preserve and publish recollections and reminiscences of those who have taken part in or witnessed the growth of local communities.
5. To collect and preserve the materials of local history.
6. To promote and display historical relics.
7. To ascertain and mark historical sites.
8. To see that the public archives of the county (towns and villages) are properly preserved.
9. To publish such historical matter as the society may authorize.
10. To cooperate as fully as possible with the work of the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Iowa State Department of History and Archives for the commemoration of historical events and preservation of historical records and marking historical sites.

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Wayne County Historical Society

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# Roster of Wayne County Postoffices and Postmasters

March 20, 1962

Some of these locations are not known today, only the names of the postmasters giving a faint general location, although we do know the location of Ovid, Saxon and Hodge. Ovid was at the corner west of Millerton, now occupied by the Poston Wayside Park. Saxon was on what is now Highway No. 2, about 1½ miles west of New Zion church, and Hodge was about 4 miles southwest of Allerton, near what is now the Armstrong farm. Lucerne was evidently somewhere near the SE corner of Richman township. We would have no idea where Orlando was. While Selma was evidently somewhere near Section 5, Richman township. South Fork was evidently at what was known in the early days as Barker's Mills, near the center of Section 1, in South Fork township. Una would likely be near the old Fry corner SW of Millerton. And Wayne Cross Roads, from the name of Postmaster David H. Havner, somewhere within 1½ miles SW of Millerton, for he lived just west of the Bob Denton corner.

W. H. BURTON

ALLERTON  
Established  
6-13-1871

Postmaster	Period Served
Isaac Kersey	June 13, 1871
George McLean	August 2, 1871
Ate Raiser	April 8, 1873
Edward E. Foster	(date not given)
Charles F. LeCompte	February 14, 1878
George M. Finley	December 22, 1884
David D. Shirley	December 4, 1885
Samuel H. Hedrix	April 29, 1889
John M. Hester	May 11, 1893
Samuel H. Hedrix	May 17, 1897
John C. Meredith	December 14, 1908
Ed McConaughy	July 23, 1913
Wilma Bull	August 16, 1920
William Hall	December 14, 1921
Mrs. Tilda O. Nye	June 18, 1934
Mrs. Clare Dougherty	April 30, 1940
Thomas H. Alley	June 30, 1952
Virgil L. Ellis	September 15, 1954
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George W. Hill	July 28, 1886
	July 2, 1895





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 Changed to Bentonville, March 11, 1887, Discontinued, July  
 2, 1895. (Note, the village originally known as Peoria).

## BENTONVILLE

### BETHLEHEM

Established  
 10-12-1852  
 Discontinued  
 4-30-1902

Postmaster	Period Served
Columbus Parr	October 12, 1852
Samuel T. Kirk	June 25, 1855
F. Thompson	November 4, 1856
Columbus Parr	April 29, 1857
S. D. McKinley	September 2, 1857
Jonathan Jones	March 26, 1858
Philenion P. Black	January 5, 1861
John W. Rankin	May 6, 1873
William Q. McColin	December 18, 1876
Frederick Crathorn	April 19, 1878
William King	December 26, 1882
John C. F. Draper	August 16, 1894
William G. Hancock	August 2, 1897
Edward A. Marshall	September 7, 1900
	April 30, 1902

## BIG SPRINGS

Established  
 7-16-1875  
 Discontinued  
 12-31-1901

Mrs. Luella Winland	July 16, 1875
Ira Winn	March 27, 1876
W. P. Brown	August 24, 1877
Lemanson L. Sears	August 30, 1882
Elmer E. Bay	December 10, 1890
William A. Hutchins	August 9, 1892
Anthony L. Massey	January 27, 1897
Harvey G. Duncan	February 12, 1900
James H. McKeeman	February 15, 1901
Discontinued	December 31, 1901

## CAMBRIA

Established  
 3-3-1851  
 Discontinued  
 1-8-1875  
 Re-established  
 5-21-1875

William Willis	March 3, 1851
William McCutchan	January 20, 1852
Arbuckle Nelson	August 16, 1856
Warren D. Everett	April 23, 1857
Ansil L. Hart	October 27, 1857
Marshall Nelson	June 24, 1867
Discontinued	January 8, 1875
Leroy McMains	May 21, 1875
A. E. Dent	December 21, 1881
Parkhurst R. Miner	January 31, 1883
Maurice G. Ratcliff	November 2, 1885
Frederick Waynick	July 13, 1889
John Fusch	April 10, 1893
James J. Springer	February 27, 1895
Elmer O. Kinsey	December 23, 1897





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**Postmaster****Period Served**

Samuel G. Moore	November 8, 1901
John H. Moore	October 12, 1903
Fred R. Foster	April 24, 1912
Anna R. Hawkins	November 30, 1914
Charles W. Garton	April 27, 1918
Effie Garton	September 22, 1930
Lewis D. Hart	January 31, 1947
Guy W. Chapman	January 31, 1950
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

**CLINTON CENTER**

Established  
1-19-1893  
Discontinued  
4-30-1902

Henry A. Glackemeyer January 19, 1893  
to April 30, 1902

**CLIO**

Established  
11-23-1855

John W. Tabler	November 23, 1855
Rebecca Sargent	January 20, 1870
George Latimer	March 22, 1870
J. W. Tabler	September 6, 1871
Newton Beavers	November 2, 1874
Elijah B. Arnold	April 2, 1875
Jesse L. Hutchinson	March 6, 1876
Nicholas O. Elson	June 2, 1879
Joseph E. Rockhold	March 30, 1880
David D. Elson	December 18, 1882
William E. Elson	July 24, 1883
Thomas B. Elson	June 2, 1884
Nicholas O. Elson	December 17, 1885
Edward Williams	September 16, 1886
William E. Elson	March 30, 1888
Perry Tullis	October 18, 1889
William E. Elson	October 14, 1893
Eliga G. Wright	September 5, 1896
Henry C. Paddock	December 9, 1897
Walter A. Bruner	July 9, 1915
Mrs. Ruby Browning	March 1, 1943
Russell W. Gragg	April 30, 1948
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

**CONFIDENCE**

Established  
7-13-1859  
Discontinued  
10-18-1864  
Re-established  
2-13-1865  
Discontinued  
4-30-1903

Filentus Sacket	July 13, 1859
George W. Clawson	April 16, 1860
Filertus Sacket	November 2, 1860
Miss Mary Ann Westfall	February 13, 1865
Silvester Ryckman	November 7, 1865
Alexander C. Smith	April 27, 1869
Sylvester Ryckman	April 14, 1871





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Reuben D. Fonts	April 24, 1876
Jacob Vestle	July 19, 1878
James K. Jenkins	April 25, 1882
Jacob Vestle	May 19, 1882
Andrew W. Robertson	November 6, 1885
Calvin C. Bewar	May 25, 1889
James E. Hancock	September 24, 1890
Andrew W. Robertson	August 29, 1894
James E. Hancock	February 8, 1898
Enos H. VanBenthusen	October 22, 1900
Discontinued	April 30, 1903

## CORYDON

Established  
6-23-1852

Peter Ruark	June 23, 1852
Seth Anderson	September 11, 1852
John Hayes, Jr.	January 15, 1855
William W. Wright	October 24, 1855
Thomas M. Bowen	March 19, 1856
James Carter	August 30, 1856
Caldwell Rupell	October 7, 1857
John R. Freeland	August 19, 1858
Randolph Chenowith	November 4, 1858
William Hartshorn	October 18, 1861
Aaron A. Power	April 23, 1864
Benjamin D. Boswell	January 29, 1867
Isaac N. Peck	October 1, 1867
William* Boyle	March 25, 1868
George Albertson	March 18, 1869
Benjamin T. Raisor	December 8, 1870
Albert Smeenk	January 11, 1877
S. W. Miles	December 21, 1880
H. H. Lusher	January 3, 1884
James S. Whittaker	August 13, 1885
Charles F. LeCompte	October 10, 1889
John Stirling	March 21, 1895
Charles F. LeCompte	April 1, 1899
J. N. McCoy	August 30, 1916
Paul S. Miller	February 10, 1922
Gilbert R. West	December 10, 1926
William S. Richard	April 17, 1935
Gordon A. Ward	December 1, 1946
Carl E. Garton	July 12, 1947
Ben H. Swegle	March 15, 1948
Mrs. Margaret B. Nessen	November 11, 1960
Glenn L. Vaughn	August 22, 1961
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Established  
8-30-1856  
Discontinued  
7-30-1904

Postmaster	Period Served
Hugh W. Miller	August 30, 1856
James M. Smith	February 4, 1859
Harley Clark	May 7, 1860
James M. Smith	May 19, 1864
John M. Hopkins	September 22, 1864
Tobias C. Yak	June 17, 1869
Charlen A. Conger	March 22, 1870
Walter Hartsough	November 6, 1871
William H. Montieth	April 10, 1893
Charles W. Heckethorn	June 1, 1893
William T. Close	March 12, 1895
Harvey S. Shepherd	February 6, 1896
William Montieth	August 25, 1896
William E. Shepherd	December 28, 1896
A. G. Kerens	September 21, 1900
Anda C. Kearnes	October 22, 1900
George M. Rathburn	March 12, 1903
Discontinued	July 30, 1904

**GRAINVILLE**

See Harvard

**GRAND RIVER**

See Lineville

**HARVARD**

Established  
as Grainville  
8-15-1876  
Changed to Harvard  
2-10-1882  
Discontinued  
10-31-1953

David H. Thomas	August 15, 1876
Frank M. Allen	January 5, 1881
Francis M. Allen	March 21, 1882
George A. Michael	March 15, 1883
David M. Thomas	February 4, 1886
Miss Lizzie M. Thomas	September 30, 1887
William A. Prince	September 4, 1888
Samuel W. Mullin	July 30, 1890
William A. Prince	July 11, 1894
Alva B. Smith	June 20, 1898
Daniel C. Campbell	October 22, 1900
Lewis H. Allen	January 31, 1903
James M. Eastburn	February 2, 1905
Francis M. Ryckman	October 25, 1905
Daniel C. Campbell	June 18, 1906
Landon Horner	November 24, 1906
Mrs. Hattie A. Waugh	November 2, 1907
Maggie McKee	April 21, 1910
Minnie E. Stewart	June 25, 1912
George H. Seward	July 8, 1936
Discontinued	October 31, 1953



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**HODGE**Established  
4-2-1884Discontinued  
3-24-1898**HUMESTON**Established  
1-8-1873**Postmaster****Period Served**

Lansing Hoyer.....April 2, 1884  
 George H. Pallady.....June 9, 1887  
 Discontinued.....March 24, 1898

Alva Humeston, Sr.....January 8, 1873  
 Isaac Hough.....March 27, 1876  
 William H. Henderson.....December 19, 1881  
 O. B. Sutton.....December 22, 1884  
 R. R. Arnold.....August 13, 1885  
 David P. Goodrich.....July 3, 1889  
 Alva Humeston.....July 14, 1893  
 James L. Berry.....May 27, 1897  
 Alfred D. McCullough.....February 27, 1906  
 Alva Humeston.....August 25, 1915  
 Fred R. Foster.....March 22, 1925  
 Harry D. Hines.....June 1, 1936  
 Frank Mitchell.....December 23, 1937  
 Willard C. Eaton.....August 1, 1939  
 Ralph W. Gardner.....June 25, 1945  
 Ray H. Aten.....June 30, 1955  
 Still Serving.....March 20, 1962

**KNIFFIN**Established  
6-17-1858Discontinued  
3-15-1892

Alonzo W. Sharp.....June 17, 1858  
 Salmon Sharp.....July 28, 1860  
 Benjamin F. Shaffer.....February 23, 1874  
 Alexander B. Hoschar.....February 12, 1878  
 Mrs. Amanda Dougherty.....February 17, 1879  
 Alexander McNett.....March 15, 1892

**LEWISBURGH**Established  
1-6-1857Discontinued  
9-22-1864Re-established  
3-7-1865Discontinued  
5-15-1902

John H. Surbaugh.....January 6, 1857  
 Nicholas Caldwell.....March 30, 1863  
 Nicholas Caldwell.....March 7, 1865  
 Isaac Darrow.....February 9, 1866  
 Fayette P. Richardson.....February 15, 1869  
 Matthias Zimmer.....September 30, 1873  
 Vandover L. Chester.....June 3, 1874  
 James M. Gwinn.....April 24, 1876  
 Dwight C. Beck.....May 24, 1880  
 Joseph C. Kerr.....July 23, 1880  
 James M. Gwinn.....January 17, 1881  
 Bernard Hulsebus.....January 10, 1882  
 Seymour G. Caldwell.....February 27, 1893  
 Ross Gardner.....August 11, 1900  
 Benjamin F. Gardner.....September 7, 1900  
 Discontinued.....May 15, 1902





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**LINEVILLE**Established  
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3-17-1851

Changed to Lineville

8-16-1872

**Postmaster****Period Served**

Harvey B. Duncan	March 17, 1851
William L. Burge	December 6, 1855
Joseph Lovett	September 2, 1856
James H. Brown	December 8, 1857
John Wright	January 20, 1859
Soloman K. Black	April 23, 1862
Joseph Sullivan	September 5, 1864
James M. Sullivan	April 14, 1870
Elijah Glendenning	December 10, 1874
Henry C. Glendenning	November 30, 1875
Charles H. Austin	November 6, 1879
B. W. Vanderveer	March 31, 1884
G. Taylor Wright	June 18, 1885
Charles H. Austin	May 25, 1889
Harvey M. Lovett	July 3, 1893
Charles H. Austin	July 10, 1897
Charles K. Coontz	June 26, 1913
Charles H. Austin	January 17, 1922
Carl G. Austin	January 31, 1930
Paul M. Molleston	June 6, 1934
Homer L. Casey	July 8, 1944
Chester B. Judd	October 31, 1959
Lyle C. Laughlin	January 8, 1960
Chester B. Judd	August 18, 1961
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

**LUCERNE**

Established

2-25-1860

Discontinued

9-23-1867

Rees Cadwalader	February 25, 1860
Adolphus A. Smith	February 27, 1866
Discontinued	September 23, 1867

**MILLERTON**

Established

1-31-1914

Louis Ryan (declined)	January 31, 1914
Bohiemil Cizkovsky	November 30, 1914
Robert T. Thatcher	March 14, 1917
George E. Buoy	February 19, 1931
Mrs. Myrtle B. Buoy	January 1, 1932
Mrs. Zora Bull	September 30, 1946
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

**NEW YORK**

Established

5-8-1856

Discontinued

8-15-1903

L. E. Jones	May 8, 1856
Jacob Morrett	May 21, 1857
Jacob States	May 16, 1859
Albert DeGolier	April 12, 1862
David M. Clark	February 9, 1865
John B. Hatton	January 24, 1866
Jacob States	May 26, 1872



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Postmaster	Period Served
George A. Bennett	September 15, 1873
E. Upham	April 7, 1875
George A. Bennett	June 30, 1875
Clara A. Holshonser	March 8, 1877
Clara A. States	November 12, 1877
Madison G. Thorp	August 12, 1880
John Blakely	March 15, 1888
Wallace A. Pray	December 27, 1888
Madison G. Thorp	June 22, 1893
Fred H. Burton	December 23, 1898
Ernest W. Whitlock	March 8, 1902
Discontinued	August 15, 1903

## ORLANDO

Established  
5-26-1860  
Discontinued  
9-12-1862

John G. Ferrel	May 26, 1860
Discontinued	September 12, 1862

## OVID

Established  
8-28-1891  
Discontinued  
4-30-1902

Charlie Neighbor	August 28, 1891
George W. Harn	May 4, 1896
Belle Kirkbride	March 16, 1898
James J. Myers	August 3, 1898
June Carlson	March 30, 1899
Lewis Ryan	February 1, 1901
Discontinued	April 30, 1902

## PROMISE CITY

Established  
8-21-1856

John Hanneman	August 21, 1856
John Chenoweth	April 17, 1857
William M. Littell	December 6, 1861
Joseph W. Crouch	September 8, 1862
Isaac R. Esteb	October 27, 1863
E'isa Bauman	May 16, 1864
King A. Trainer	October 28, 1872
A. G. Campbell	April 7, 1875
Thomas Howland	November 30, 1875
T. F. Anthony	February 2, 1886
Alexander G. Campbell	November 7, 1889
Cyrenthews A. Sager	December 1, 1893
William W. Kinser	December 9, 1897
Earnest C. Rea	December 31, 1908
William E. Hanna	July 18, 1910
Victor C. Stonebraker	May 28, 1912
Joseph P. Gates	September 12, 1914
Nellie F. Ross	February 21, 1919
Sara J. Chapman	May 31, 1922
Samuel C. Lavery	July 15, 1922



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Postmaster	Period Served
Walter F. Webster	February 28, 1949
Jay W. Smith	January 31, 1950
Carl A. Thompson	November 16, 1961
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

#### SAXON

Established  
6-30-1888  
Discontinued  
5-15-1910

Samuel Wheeler	June 30, 1888
William B. Bryant	December 28, 1888
James C. Messenger	January 29, 1892
Discontinued	May 15, 1910

#### SELMA

Established  
7-26-1866  
Discontinued  
3-4-1878

Simeon Veach	July 26, 1866
Marshall H. Richman	July 19, 1867
Discontinued	March 4, 1878

#### SEWAL

Established  
3-18-1887

Clarence L. Steiner	March 16, 1887
George Loughman	February 13, 1888
Absolom E. Wymer	August 23, 1890
Joseph T. Shamp	May 10, 1893
John W. Lievsay	April 22, 1898
Alva A. Andrews	January 26, 1903
John W. Lievsay	January 22, 1906
Theodore A. Shriver	February 9, 1914
Mrs. Coral D. Smith	September 30, 1935
Mrs. Lake Miller	March 13, 1947
Avenell Alley	November 29, 1961
Still Serving	March 20, 1962

#### SEYMOUR

Established  
6-6-1871

D. R. Rightenour	No Date Given
L. M. Stoops	June 6, 1871
Oliver W. Smith	February 12, 1873
Eaton E. Clark	March 17, 1873
K. P. Morrison	December 11, 1882
James H. Ware	February 19, 1884
John C. Fox	July 13, 1885
M. G. Cain	December 21, 1885
James H. Morrison	May 14, 1889
Hiram E. Morrison	May 26, 1908
W. B. Perkins	September 7, 1916
Hiram E. Morrison	March 3, 1923
Hiram K. Evans, Jr.	May 12, 1931
William B. Perkins	April 6, 1936
Mrs. Luna M. Perkins	July 7, 1937
Oscar G. Sharp	January 9, 1938
Edward E. Montieth	November 17, 1961
Still Serving	March 20, 1962





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Established  
12-4-1849  
Discontinued  
2-22-1852  
Re-established  
2-27-1853  
Discontinued  
4-26-1862

**Postmaster****Period Served**

Benjamin Banker-----December 4, 1849  
Peter Ruark-----December 14, 1853  
Robert S. Fish-----April 16, 1858  
Abner W. Fish-----January 5, 1859  
William Jones-----April 3, 1860  
Abner W. Fish-----January 28, 1861  
Discontinued-----April 26, 1862

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**UNA**

Established  
3-30-1863  
Discontinued  
5-16-1864

Samuel Fry-----March 30, 1863  
Discontinued-----May 16, 1864

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**WARSAW**

Established  
5-16-1855  
Discontinued  
2-22-1861  
Re-established  
2-27-1866  
Discontinued  
11-14-1903

James H. Lyons-----May 16, 1855  
George O. William-----November 25, 1856  
Lafayette Roosa-----September 19, 1857  
Louis F. Sheppard-----July 22, 1859  
Discontinued-----February 22, 1861  
Pailman Allen-----February 27, 1866  
James A. Stutts-----September 9, 1870  
Greenberry Wilson-----March 14, 1871  
Francis M. Allen-----February 26, 1872  
Greenberry Wilson-----May 2, 1873  
Daniel F. Ockerman-----June 4, 1873  
William H. Cherryholmes-----February 11, 1874  
Liberty F. Thatcher-----March 5, 1875  
Francis M. Allen-----April 19, 1877  
Elbert E. Allen-----June 2, 1879  
Charles F. Gilbert-----June 6, 1881  
H. S. Loughman-----November 21, 1882  
Polly A. Mullin-----April 23, 1900  
Thomas J. Lepley-----February 13, 1902  
Discontinued-----November 14, 1903

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**WAYNE CROSS  
ROADS**

Established  
9-10-1858  
Discontinued  
7-11-1860

Moses Michael-----September 10, 1858  
David H. Havner-----January 17, 1859  
Samuel Moore-----June 8, 1860  
Discontinued-----July 11, 1860

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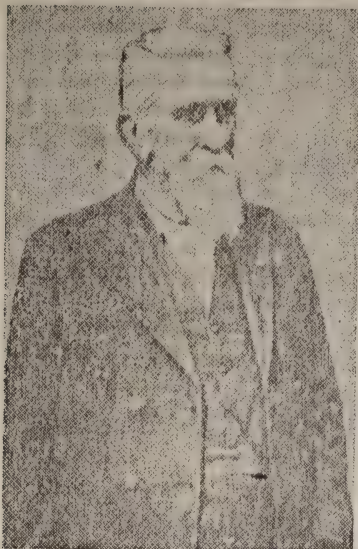
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**A Word of Introduction  
by**

**Warren Burton**

This is a copy of an original manuscript prepared by Dr. George W. Hinkle, about 1930, after 50 years as a country doctor, in the little village of Harvard in Wayne county, Iowa. Dr. Hinkle started practicing medicine about 1880, and continued until his death in 1933; at which time his age was given as 83 years.

We do not have the date of his birth, but this would indicate about 1849 or '50. As we know he was enlisted in the Civil War, and as the last enlistments were in 1864, he could not have been over 14 or 15 years of age. But he was a large man and probably in his youth might easily have passed for 16 or 17 years old. We have the information that he went to school at Fairfield as a young man, and probably grew up near there.

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Fifty years in the practice of medicine is not common in this country, yet there are many physicians who attain that position, but not many who confine their practice to one locality for fifty years and retire from the same field where they began.

The unavoidable, disagreeable, circumstances and conditions which more or less constantly, the physician has to face, and dispose of, does so ruffle the temper of the physician who has not learned



that human nature is about the same in Kamchatka as it is in Mosambique, that he concludes to migrate like a goose, but opposite to that of the goose as he thinks he is leaving a hot place for a cooler one, whereas the true goose continues to face the difficulties of the hot place.

The first decade of the physician's life is filled with thrills that would curdle the blood of Sitting Bull and Geronimo, or that would lift his soul up through the grandeur of self contentment, to the silvery plain or self egotism. All things would look very dark or all things would look very bright. He feels that impending death would soon end his miserable life, or he feels very comfortable and bouyant and at peace with all nations and able and desires to live a thousand years.

It requires a physician who is endowed with conservative mentality ten years to acquire a firm footing and self reliance in the diagnosis and treatment of many of the medical problems which he has to grapple with in that time. He who has an aggressive mentality thinks he is better qualified to cope with the abnormal conditions of humanity than is any of his older brethren and is doomed to stumble into many pitfalls during his first decade.

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The physician probably reads more in his old text books the first decade than he does afterward, gradually taking up new books and magazines in their place as he grows older. Within the first decade the physician declares his attitude toward the practice of medicine and he either becomes a real doctor for life or gives up the practice of medicine and takes up some other vocation permanently, or goes browsing around among the occupations of men with no stability or earnestness during the remainder of his life.

Fifty years, one half century, one fortieth of the time since the Christian era began, one, one hundred nineteenth of the time since the Biblical account of the creation of the world, one sixth of the time since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, one third of the age of the United States, about the average life of our own citizens, one mere electrode of the time the world has existed, according to scientific conclusions, just an imaginary shade of existence in the aeon of time that the imagination seems to be the age of the universe, fifty cold winters and fifty warm summers, with incessant labor and eternal vigilance, which is the price of health.

In addition to fighting disease he often has to fight the elements, extreme cold, abundance of the beautiful snow, rain and mud, from the slick road to no bottom. mud with an affection which makes it tenaciously adhere to all moving things, snow in which it is highly necessary to have a scoop shovel for a partner, no night too dark or day too gloomy, that the country practitioner does not meet and conquer these conditions.

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It is not all bad, as there are many, many beautiful days and nights to cheer the weary worn practitioner. When he is on the road to see his patients he often sees the most beautiful and grand sights, that nature presents to the eye of man, the position of the stars, the planets, the moon, the flash of the meteor athwart the sky, the comet floating into our part of the Universe, from a distance inconceivable and incomprehensible.

About forty-eight years ago, while on my road to visit a case, I saw a meteor nearly the size of the moon, come into view in the southwest when it first struck our atmosphere, probably over Kansas, and traveled to the northeast over me, giving a bright light until it exploded and disappeared below the horizon, falling in Illinois, giving the grandest and most beautiful sight that could possibly be within the confines of our world.

A trip along a timber road at night is fraught with the possibilities of meeting with some of the denizens of the forest, who will, in their own individual way dispute your right to come among them, and break the quiet of their marauding solitude. There is a great deal of comfort in night riding, as well as the disagreeable features necessarily encountered. A man came to my house on horseback at midnight and said his wife was very sick and wanted me to go at







once and give her some medicine. When nearing his home five miles away, he pulled his horse up close to mine and told me to do my best and not let his wife die now, for he could not very well spare her right in corn planting time. She was helping him work in the field a few days after.

About thirty-five years ago I treated a man for sub-acute or chronic trouble. He recovered and in due course of time retired to the debtors paradise in the west. A few months ago I received a letter from his wife stating that one of her family was sick just like her husband was when I cured him, and wanted me to send her some of the same kind of medicine I gave him. No pay was mentioned.

One night about ten o'clock I received a phone call to go four miles to see a man who was very sick and to come at once. I hitched up my team and drove there in about an hour. I found no light in the house, all quiet, took my lantern and went in through the front door, nobody downstairs, went upstairs and awoke them from a very pleasant sleep and did not find much the matter. He too, soon one night, retired to the debtors' paradise in the west.

The country physician's vacation is no bed of roses. He has to take what comes and cannot choose kind of work, time, when or where, but must be ready at all times to respond to the call of his patients. He cannot engage in any activity that requires continued attention for any length of time, as at any moment he may be called to attend the sick.

Within the last fifty years we have made a complete change in the mode and manner of conducting the practice of medicine. The first to come of importance is the phone, which saves a great deal of time and labor. The next is the auto which saves a great deal of time and much more convenient in making trips quickly, while the faithful old horses rest. The medicines have been made more palatable and convenient to administer, antidotoxins and powders have been replaced by coated pills and tablets and by capsules and pleasantly prepared syrups and elixirs.

Before the phone came, one night about midnight I was called by a horseman to go five miles to see a woman who had gone crazy and ran away from home to a neighbor's. I found her enjoying great hallucinations, seeing beautiful waterfalls, colored birds and green trees and other fine scenery, and hearing the sweetest music, which she said was great and grand to hear. She was able to describe them with words suitable and full of meaning, grammatically correct, and beautiful to listen to, and not expected from an uneducated person. I gave her a vomit which brought to light a quantity of camphur gum. Two hours afterward she walked home perfectly sane.

I was called about twenty miles to see a woman who had been



sick a long time. As part treatment I performed a minor operation and her husband asked me what I charged. When I told him, he said it was not enough, and paid me ten dollars more than I asked.

I estimate that three-fourths of the practice is good in every way, with no disagreeable features in it, but the other fourth is more or less disagreeable and some of it mean both to earn and collect.

I have several times come close to danger. Splinters from a telephone pole struck by lightning, struck my buggy and horses, came near being shot by a crazy man, and was very, very cold many times. I have been favored by many neighboring physicians who were and are splendid physicians, and great and good men whom it is a pleasure to know and counsel with.

In the beginning of my practice I had splendid counsel that very greatly contributed to the success I have had, and all through the fifty years good physicians have been with me, whom I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance. All the physicians who were in Wayne county when I came, have passed on to the Immortal Shore except two, one not being in practice now. Some members of a few old families are still here whom I have attended as physician for forty-five or fifty years. Many old families have only one or two of the members left here now, my own being one of them.

I think there is no better place in the world to live than in Iowa, so I will continue in the practice as my health will permit until old Father Time tells me to quit.

This being the second year of my next half century of practice, I am constrained to pause and take a retrospective view, and I note there has been a great change in the environment and attitude of mankind toward the physician and medicine.

Fifty years ago the general public had a simple abiding faith in the old family physician that was unlimited and grand to behold. The physician partaking to a great extent of the same feeling towards his patients, learned to regard them as being near to his own family and treated them as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and was at home with them, they recognizing in him their good counselor and guide.

As years passed by these ties were weakened and finally were almost gone as the old people disappeared, and the young generation took their place, and the spirit of commercialism crept in as a right hand bower to the practice of medicine, and now as I start on my second lap of fifty years, I note a distinct change in both patient and physician, and no longer is there the close communion of fifty years ago, less love for the patient and more love for the dollar.

One who starts in the practice of medicine now, is like starting in a business career; the only object of which is wealth, money, and not so much the high calling of the physician, whose object is



to be a conservator of our race. In all human probability fifty year physicians and those of lesser time, will continue in the practice, accepting and conforming to the inevitable progressive changes marked out by the gods of education and progress. Yes we will carry on.

I am not unmindful of the great and signal honor you have given me, by holding at my home, your picnic session of the Wayne County Medical Society, in honor of my fifty years in the practice of medicine. I am very thankful for the place I hold in your esteem, that prompted you to break bread with me on this occasion. I recognize another token of friendship and esteem in the beautiful bouquets of flowers sent me by my neighbors and the Daughters of Veterans. Let the Wayne County Medical Society resolve to have more of these picnic sessions in the future.

## *The Famous Shane Hill Baseball Team*

by W. H. Burton

While the local interest in ball games today is mostly on football and basketball, it is hard to realize that these games were practically unknown prior to 1900. But before that time every little village and community had its baseball teams, and many weekends saw some hotly contested games.

But let's go back to some early Wayne county history. Over 100 years ago, in the spring of 1856, there came to Wayne county, with his new bride, an Englishman by the name of James E. Whiteley, and settled on a farm in Section 29, in Jackson township, about three miles southwest of where Harvard now is. The next year two of his old neighbors, Charles Maytum and Caleb Shane, came all the way from England, and settled just across the line in Section 32. Many children came to bless the Whiteley and Maytum homes, many of them boys, in fact the Whiteley's had eight boys and the Maytum's five boys.

They soon built a schoolhouse on the Shane land, which soon came to be known as the Shane Hill schoolhouse. The boys, as they grew up, began playing baseball in the little pasture adjoining the schoolhouse. Some time in the early 1870's there came from somewhere in the east to teach this school, a man known as Prof. Howell. He was an enthusiastic ball fan, and began teaching these boys all the rules of the game. He organized the boys and they soon became proficient in the game, and for the first few years were known as





the Warsaw team, after the little village of that name two miles south of them, but it was not long before they came to be called the Shane Hill ball team.

For the first few years they played only nearby towns, Corydon, Seymour, Allerton, Humeston, Centerville and Unionville in Missouri. The original team was composed of the Whiteley boys, Frank, James, Henry, Scott, Ralph, Floyd, Wallace and Carl; the Maytum boys, Burl, Wellie, Alf, Nels and Walt, and Bert Shane. They also began recruiting other local boys for they had to have enough to make two strong practice teams. It is said that for the first ten years they never lost a game.

At first they used home made equipment, bats, mitts, masks and without uniforms. It is rumored that their first mask was made from an old wire calf weaner. But, as they began to earn money from their games, they acquired standard equipment and uniforms. These big long farmer boys could bat, throw, field and run. They were especially good at base stealing, usually stealing second at will. It is said that in all their playing record they only found two catchers that could pick them off at second.

Prior to the building of the Milwaukee Railroad through that part of Wayne county, there came a civil engineer from the east by the name of Frank McGregor on the job. He was an experienced ball player and pitcher, and showed the boys all the secrets of curve pitching and they soon mastered the art and became very skillful at it. In fact, Burl Maytum became so expert that very few batters could touch him. It is indeed remarkable that a team of local farm boys could achieve such a reputation. One of their recruits, Hollie Souder on a farm near Clio, was scouted by the New York Giants, was finally acquired and played professional baseball for 17 years.

It became so difficult for opposing teams to play even an interesting game with them, that nearly all of them would acquire some professional players, especially pitchers and catchers. Only in this way could they stand any chance of beating them or even making an interesting game. Even the Shane Hill players, when not playing at home, were often hired by some town, especially Burl Maytum and his catcher, Bert Shane. The boys played all over southern Iowa from the Mississippi to the Missouri rivers, either under their own name, or as a part of some town team.

It is hard to get a record of the scores of these games. They usually were so one-sided that anyone keeping scores gave up in disgust. I watched many of these games played at the Wayne County Fairs, but only one that I tried to keep the score—that was a game played with Leroy and when I quit keeping score it was 33 to nothing. One game they played with Seymour was a score at finish time of 114 to 8.

As the fame of the Shane Hill ball team spread they were





booked with teams further away, towns that had the idea, that although the Shane Hill teams were getting a reputation of being good, yet would be no match for their home team. They were known to be a team of local farm boys, and usually were caricatured in their reception as hayseeds and greeted with all kinds of farm produce and equipment. The Grundy County Fair at Trenton, Missouri, met them at the depot with a hayrack and pitchforks. They had arranged for a two-day series of games, and all over town were displayed pumpkins and corn and other products of the farm for these hayseeds. They wondered if this team of farm boys could interest their local team. But when, in the first game, the visitors gave them a sound beating, they wired to Kansas City for some professional players. But the next day the Shane Hill boys also took care of them nicely.

However, they were not all one-sided games. In the twenty some years of playing they were only shut out twice, always with professionally loaded up opponents. In a game with Seymour, against a professional pitcher and catcher, they lost in a 2 to 0 game, but in the next game with Seymour they won in a 9 to 4 score. The other shut-out game was with a Bonapart, Iowa team, when they lost 1 to 0. This was a remarkable record, especially when they were continually up against professional men with a national reputation. But they were beaten a few times, always with a low score. One game that was played with Albia, the Shane Hill boys were leading by a slender margin, when in the last half of the ninth inning, Nate Kendall, for the Albia team, hit a long ball that won the game for Albia.

This brings to mind an interesting incident that happened in the early 1920's. Nate Kendall was running for Governor of Iowa—he was later elected—and was staying at the hotel in Corydon and meeting the people. Someone brought Carl Whiteley around to meet him with the introduction of, "Here is one of the old Shane Hill ball players." Kendall jumped up and grabbed Carl's hand and said, "Is your name Whiteley or Maytum?" The game they lost to Albia was one of a series of games in which Shane Hill won all the other games. In a series of games with Clearfield, Iowa, Shane Hill lost two games in a row. In a game with Garden Grove, in which these rivals had hired the Acheson, Kansas Browns, the Shane Hill team won 2 to 0. The Garden Grove, Acheson Browns, had Pop Eyler, a noted pitcher on the mound.

I have been trying, so far unsuccessfully, to get from some of the second and third generation of descendants of these players, some scores of the games that were played. If I do get some of this information I may add it on the end of this manuscript before it goes to press. One of the most frequent rivals was the town of Humeston, with whom they played many games. Most of these were at



the Wayne County Fair, which after hard fought games, Shane Hill usually won. The grandstand would be crowded with wildly cheering fans for their favorite team. I remember being in the grandstand and hearing old Mother Shane shouting epithets at the umpires in what she considered an unfair decision. The Shane Hill boys played many games with Chillicothe and Princeton, Missouri, but which were usually very one-sided games, they being no match for these expert farm boys.

When the New York Giants came to see Hollie Souder, the man landed in Clio on a midnight train in January. The next morning he was driven out to the Souder farm in a bobsled, where Hollie was given a 5-year contract. The old Shane Hill team today is but a memory, and yet they did stage a come-back exhibition game. On Labor Day, in September, 1918, in connection with the Allerton Chautauqua, the old Shane Hill players once more took on a team of old rival players, with all the receipts going to the Red Cross. All the Shane Hill players were there except Dr. Wellie Maytum, who was with the U. S. forces in France. While the game generated a lot of interest and excitement, and was won by the Shane Hill boys 10 to 8, these 50 and 60-year-old men were probably mighty stiff and lame for a few days. Henry Whiteley was the captain of the old team, would arrange for the games and the placing of the players, who were nearly all tall strong men. I used to watch and admire Carl Whiteley when they were taking the field and he would be taking his position on first base, he would roll out cart wheel fashion, hands over hee's all the way to first.

It has been interesting to follow up the lives of these ball players, who had spent so many years in their younger days on the ballfield. Their playing days were roughly from the mid-1870's to the mid-1890's, though no doubt working into some future occupation while still playing ball. Bert Shane passed away sometime around the end of their playing days. Most of the Whiteley boys stayed in Wayne county, taking up farming, in lumber yards, and in stores. They do tell me that Wallace Whiteley, after keeping store in Harvard for several years, then moved to California.

However, it was different with the Maytum boys. Only one, Walter, the youngest, stayed on the old home farm in Section 32, in Jackson township and lived out his life there. Wellington (Wellie) graduated from the State University about 1893, in medicine, and spent his life in practice at Alexandria, South Dakota. Burlington (Burl), graduated in dentistry from Iowa City in 1897. They both played ball for the University ball team and were never defeated there. Burl first went to Cherokee, Iowa, where he and his brother Alfred, (Alf) played ball, then he moved to Paullina, Ia. where for 50 years until his death, he practiced dentistry. Alf took up telegraphy and followed that profession until he retired, at Fowler,



Kansas. Nelson, (Nels), became a station agent for the Milwaukee Railroad at Polo, Missouri until he died in 1936. As far as I know the only ones left of the old players are, Floyd Whiteley, 91, at Corydon and Alf Maytum, 88, at Fowler, Kansas.

So ends the saga of the old Shane Hill ball team. Besides what little personal experience I have contributed, a great deal of my information comes from an old write-up by J. C. Harvey in a special edition of the Seymour Herald, December, 1934. Then there is the information about the Maytum boys. This comes from Dr. F. V. Maytum, a son of Burl Maytum, who is a dentist at Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Later: Just received some additional information, some scrap books that Carl Whiteley had kept. These were turned over by his wife to her niece, Mrs. Merle Caraway, in Indianola, who has loaned them to us. Just a few additional scores, but a long list of towns where they had played:

In the two games with Albia, the two scores were, Shane Hill, 5 to 4, and Albia, 10 to 9. In two games with Lamoni, Shane Hill won 13 to 1 and 4 to 3. One of the games with Seymour was 7 to 4 and one with Powersville was 9 to 2. All of these games were won against teams that were loaded up with professional men. Also here is a complete list of towns where they played: Keokuk, Bonapart, Ottumwa, Albia, Centerville, Mystic, Seymour, Clio, Allerton, Humeston, Chariton, Leroy, Leon, Lamoni, Garden Grove, Tingley, Clearfield and Creston, all in Iowa. And Powersville, Princeton, Memphis, Chillicothe, Unionville, Trenton and St. Joseph all in Missouri, and Brownsville, Kansas. It is said that these Shane Hill players won over 85 per cent of all their games. What a remarkable record.

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